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Cho Cho San's Relatives and Friends. Servants Conductor: Gaetano Merola

### SYNOPSIS OF SCIENES

ACT I. Exterior of Pinkerton's house at Nagasakl.

ACT II. Interior of Cho Cho San's home; at the back a gardon

with elierries in bloom.

ACT III. Same as preceding. PLACE. Nagasaki, Japan. TIME. The present.

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TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, AT 8.15 P.M.

### LA TRAVIATA

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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Flora ...... Frances Morosini 

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### LA TRAVIATA—Continued

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Gastone	Amedeo Baldi
Girogio Germont	Giuseppe Montanelii
Baron Doupohl	Antonio Cetti
Doctor Grenvil	Natale Cervi
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Conductor:	Gaetano Merola

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Saion in the House of Violetta.

ACT II. Scene 1.—A Country House near Paris, Scene 2.—

Salon in Flora's Palace.

ACT III. Ante-chamber in Ducal Palace.

### ARGUMENT

The opera opens in the house of Violetta, a courtesan, who is surrounded by her friends, all of whom are intent on pleasure, in which she, although in a dying state, tries to join. Among her lovers is Alfredo Germont, whose father, annoyed at his son's infatuation, seeks an interview with Violetta

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### LA TRAVIATA—Continued

and demands that she shall renounce Alfredo. Violetta promises to do so and, broken-hearted leaves the place after writing a farewell letter to her lover, Alfredo, belleving she has deserted hlm for his rival, the Baron Douphol, goes to the house of Flora Bervoix, where a grand ball is taking place and, openly insulting Violetta before the guests, is challenged by the Baron In the third act, Violetta, in the last stage of consumption, is anxiously expecting to see Alfredo before she dies, he having been told of the sacrifice she has made in renouncing him, and promises ti return and ask her pardon. He enters, is shocked at the change in her appearance and reproaches his

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PROGRAM-Continued-

### LA TRAVIATA—Continued

father for being the cause of their misery. Violetta, finding her lover restored to her, and being kindly received by his father, entreats the doctor to give her life; seeing, however, by his manner that there is no hope, she becomes calmer and tranquilly passes away.

WEDNESDAY MATINEE, APRIL 6, AT 2.30 P.M.

# **CARMEN**

Opera in Four Acts, by Bizet

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Don Jose	Pilade Sinagra
Escamillo	Giuseppe Montanelli
Dancairo	Natale Cervi
Remendado	Amedeo Baldi
Zuniga	Pietro De Biasi
Morales	Manuel Perez
Micaela	Madeleine Keltie
Frasquita	Alice Homer
Mercedes !	Frances Morosini
Carmen	Stella De Mette

Conductor: Gaetano Merola

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. A public square in Seville.

ACT II. A tavern in the suburbs of Seville.

ACT III. A wild and rocky pass in the mountains.

ACT IV. A square in Seville; wall of the bull ring at the back.

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### CARMEN—Continued

### ARGUMENT

' Soldiers are waiting for guard to be mounted. Micacia, a village girl, appears: she seeks a brigadier (Don Jose), bearing a message from his mother. The efficer on guard invites her to wait, she declines and departs. The relief guard and Don Jese come on. The square is crowded by young men. Don Jose is indifferent. Girls enter, and young men inquire fer Carmen, who asserts her desire for universal dominion by flinging at the silent Den Jose the flower she wears in her dress. Factory bells ring. Girls hasten to work. Don Jese's blood is roused, but the arrival of Micaeia with a letter and purse from his mether calms him, and he resolves to stific the sudden passien Carmen has excited, and devotes himself, as his mother wishes, te Micacia. She has scarcely gone and Don Jose is about te throw Carmen's flower away, when a noise is heard in the factory. The girls rush out. Two of them have quarreled. One of them is wounded-her assailant is Carmen. Joso is ordered to take her into custody, which he does, but subsequently unfastens the cords tirat bind her hands. She sings, and is saucy to the officer, who resolves on sending her to prison. Den Jose and two soldiers escert her. At the foot of the bridge a sudden push from Carmen throws Don Jeso down and sho escapes.

The second act displays an inn. Carmen is here with friends. They sing and dance. Officers and soldiers are here also. The captain is fascinated by Carmen. A new arrival, Escandille, appears, the victorious bull-fighter of Granada. Soldiers and gypsics wolcome him. Ho devotes himself to Carmen. 'Tis time to close the inn. Escamille and seldiers depart, but two smugglers, having beety in view seek Carmen's assistance. She refuses

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### **CARMEN—Continued**

to accompany them, teiling them she is waiting for her lover. The smugglers try to persuade Carmen to induce Jose to join their band. She agrees, and when the enamored brigadier arrives Carmen tempts him to stay in spite of the trumpet of recail. He refuess to become a deserter, and is about to quit her when an officer forces his way in and orders him out. Sabres are drawn. Carmen calls for aid. The gypsies, Carmen and Jose escape to the mountains.

The contrabandists are busy; Jose is there with Carmen, whose iove is waning. He still adores her, though stung by remorse for his mother. All are quitting the haunt when Escamillo arrives. He has tolled up the rock in pursuit of Carmen, and not knowing Jose reveals his passion to him. A

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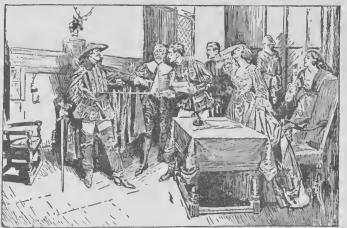
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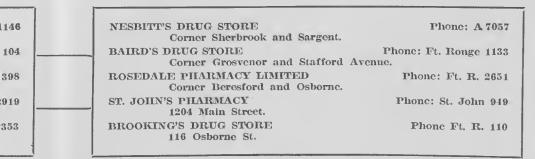
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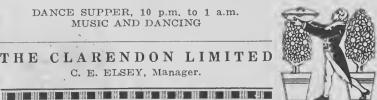
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### CARMEN—Continued

fight is about to take place, but Carmen and the smugglers rush in and separate them. Jose upbraids Carmen. The sudden appearance of Micaela compels him to leave. He hesitates, but duty prevails and he follows Micaela.

A bull fight is about to begin. Escamillo is there with the faithless Carmen. He departs. Carmen's gypsy friends warn her that Jose is in search of her. She will not conceal herself and resolves to brave him. Jose comes. He tries to rekindle the old love. Carmen will not listen. Maddened with her joy at the triumph of Escamillo, Jose stabs her, and Carmen falls dead as the victorious Escamillo enters.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, AT 8.15 P.M.

### LA FORZA DEL DESTINO

Opera in Four Acts, by Giuseppe Verdi

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Il Marchese Di Calatrava
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Donna Leonora Bettina Freeman
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Don Alvaro Giuseppe Inzerillo
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### LA FORZA DEL DESTINO-Continued

### ARGUMENT

Donna Leonora has a lover in the person of Don Alvaro, with whom she is on the point of eloping from the house of her father, the Marquis of

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### LA FORZA DEL DESTINO—Continued

Calatrava, when the latter enters; a scene ensues, and the Marquis is slain

by the accidental discharge of Don Alvaro's pistol.

Leonora, after the death of her father, believing that Alvaro has deserted her, flies, and, disguised in male attire, becomes a recluse, living in a cavern, the privacy of which is secured to her by Father Quardiano, the superior of a religious community. Her brother, Don Carlos di Vargas, becomes imbued with the belief that it is his paramount duty to hunt the world through until he finds Leonora and her lover, and by their death to avenge his father's and the dishonor brought on the name he bears.

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### LA FORZA DEL DESTINO—Continued

ligious establishment situated in the immediate vicinity of the cavern in which Leonora is secluded. Don Carlos again finds and compels him to fight: Carlos falls-this time mortally wounded. Leonora enters from her cavern, and the three recognize each other. Don Carlos calls upon his sister to embrace him before he dies, seizes the opportunity to stab her, and then expires. Leonora implores the forgiveness of Heaven for Alvaro, who, humbled in heart by her earnest accents, throws himself penitent at her feet and the curtain falls at the death of Leonora.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7, AT 8.15 P.M.

### LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR

Opera in Four Acts, by Donizetti

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Henry Ashton Giuseppe Montanelli Lucia Regina Vicarino
Edgar of Ravenswood
Raymond
Norman
Alice
Lord Arthur Bucklaw Amedeo Baldi
Lord Arthur Bucklaw

Conductor: Gaetano Merola

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Scene 1 .- A Wood Scene, Scene 2 .- A Garden of Lucia's House.

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### LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR—Continued

ACT II. Scene 1.—A Room in Ashton's House. Scene 2.—
Reception Room in Ashton's House.

ACT III. Scene 1.—A large Hall in Ashton's House.

ACT IV. A Cemetery.

The story relates the love of Sir Edgar Ravenswood for the lovely Lucia, sister to Lord Ashton, whose political opposition to Sir Edgar was made the more bitter by the fact that he (Lord Ashton) was holder of the forfelted Ravenswood estates. Her brother furthermore, desires Lucia to marry Lord Arthur Bucklaw, as such a union would be beneficial financially to Ashton. Lucia, however, prefers the poor Ravenswood and declares her love for him.

While absent on a journey, Sir Edgar dispatches many a proof of his fidelity to Lucia; they are, however, Intercepted by her brother. Lucia is still true to her love. Finally, Ashton forges a paper telling of the unfaithfulness of Ravenswood. Lucia, driven almost to madness, at length consents to become the bride of Bucklaw.

The marriage takes place, but amid the festivities of the guests, after the newly wedded pair retired, groans are heard proceeding from the nuptial chamber. Lord Bucklaw is discovered, bleeding to death. The storm of remorse has proved too much for Lucia, who, in wild mania, brandishes the sword of her husband whom she has slain. Soon her senses return, but only as life departs. The terrible event precipitates her death, and wakes remorse in the heart of Lord Henry Ashton. Sir Edgar returns to take a last look upon her whom he loved, and finds that she has been faithful unto death.

### FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 8, AT 8.15 P.M.

### THAIS

Opera in Three Acts, by Massenet

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Thais	Anna	Fitzlu
Athanael	Mario	Valle
Nicias Pila	ade S	lnagra
Polemone Pietr	ro De	Biasi
Cobina Stell	la De	Mette
Crobile France	es Mo	orosini
Myrtale A	lice I	Homer

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I.—Scene 1.—The Camp of the Cenobites near the Nile Scene 2.—The House of Nicias at Alexandria.

ACT II.—Scene 1.—Thais Apartments. Scene 2.—A Street In Alexandria. ACT III.—Scene 1.—A Desert Oasis. Scene 2.—Convent of the White Sisters.

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PROGRAM-Continued-

SATURDAY MATINEE, APRIL 9, AT 2.30 P.M.

### FAUST

A Lyric Drama in Five Acts, by Charles Gounod

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Faust	Giuseppe Agostini
Mephistopheles	Pietro De Biasi
Marguerite	
Valentine	
Siebel	May Barron
Wagner	
Martha	
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### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I. Scene 1.—Dr. Faust's Study. Scene 2.—Fair in Nuremberg.

ACT II. Margurite's Garden.

ACT III. Street in Nuremberg.

ACT IV. Marguerite's Prison.

### STORY OF THE OPERA

Faust, a German philosopher, after a life of meditation, wearies of the emptiness of human knowledge and his own ability to unravel the mysteries of Nature. He summons to his aid the Spirit of Evil, who appears to him

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### FAUST—Continued ·

under the form of Mephistophelcs. Through the supernatural power of the latter, Faust is restored to youth, endowed with personal beauty and luxurious charm. Mephistopheles, in a vision, reveals to him the village maid, Marguerite, with whom the student falls in love. Marguerite, noted for her loveliness, has been left by her soldier brother, Valentine, under the care of Dame Martha, a worthy but not very vigilant personage. The maiden at first rejects the stranger's advances, but through the intervention of Mephistopheles, he urges his suit, and Marguerite's resistance is at length overcome. Valentine, on returning from the wars, learns what has occurred. Ho challenges his sister's betrayer, but, through the intervention of Mephistopheles, he is killed in the duel. Marguerite, horror-stricken at the ealamity of which she is the eause, gives way to despair. Her reason becomes affected and in a frenzy she kills her infant. She is thrown into prison, and Faust, aided by Mcphistophelcs, obtains access to the cell in which she is confined. They both eagerly urge her to fly, but Marguerite, in whom holier feelings have obtained the ascendant, spurns their proffered aid and expires. Mephistopheles is triumphant at the apparent success of his schemes to destroy a human soul, but a chorus of heavenly voices is heard proclaiming that there is a pardon for the repentant sinner, and the Evil One, foiled and overcome, crouches in terror as the spirit of Marguerite is borne to heaven by ministering angels.

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SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 9, AT 8.15 P.M.

# CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA

Opera in One Act, by Pietro Mascagni

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Santuzza	Bettina Freeman
Lola	May Barron
Mama Lucia	Allce Homer
Turridu	Giuseppe Inzerillo
Alfio	Nlcola D'Amico
Charus of Villagers Etc	

SCENE-A Public Square in a Sicilian Village

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### CAVALLERIA RUSTICANA—Continued

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The curtain rises on Easter Festivities of the peasants. Turridu, son of Dame Lucia, keeper of the viliage inn, having returned home from service in the army, seen becomes the favorite of all the viliage maidens, among whom is Santuzza, who is the chosen one, and who is soon betrayed by Turiddu. Previous to his joining the army Turiddu had courted the pretty Lola, the village belle, but on his return finds her wedded to Alflo.

When Turiddu meets Lola they are reconciled, and he neglects Santuzza, while Lola is faithless to her husband. Santuzza, distracted with being abandoned, tolis Aifie of the inrigue of the guilty pair. He challenges Turiddu to mortal combat, who unwillingly accepts the defi, and is killed.

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SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 9, AT 8.15 P.M.

### I PAGGLIACCI

Opera in Two Acts, by R. Leoncavallo

### CAST OF CHARACTERS

Nedda ...... Madeleine Keltie Harlequin ....... Amedeo Baldi Canio ...... Giuseppe Inzerillo

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### I PAGGLIACCI—Continued

Tonio Giuseppe Montaneili
Sllvio Nicola D'Amico
Conductor: Gaetano Meroia

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I.—A Village Street and the arrival of the Mountebanks. Afternoon.

ACT II .- A Scene in the Traveling Theatre. Evening.

PROLOGUE.—The story is introduced by the clown, who sings, before the curtain rises, of the tragic sorrows and passions of buffpons.

ACT I.—Canio is the chief of a little band of strolling mountebanks. His wife, Nedda, is a valn, pretty baggage, and he does not trust her. Tonio a hunchback, mallcious, the clown, makes hot love to her in the village where they are to play upon the day of their arrival. She repulses hlm and strikes hlm with a whip. In revenge he brings Canio upon Nedda and her lover. Silvio runs away and Canio does not see his face. There are bitter words between man and wife, and Canio, in agony prepares for his clowning.

ACT II.—The people gather to see the show, and Silvio is in the crowd. The play is the old story of Pantaloon's jealousy and the love of Columbine and Harlequin. The crazy Canio acts with such realism that the peasants are enraptured. Suddenly he asks the name of the lover. Nedda defies hlm. He stabs her and kills Silvio, who starts from his place. Laughing madly, he shrieks out: "The comedy is finished!"

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